

school districts, a little more current information. We have for instance in the Cherry County school district, folks that live in Valentine pay a General Fund levy of \$1.03; folks in Crookston Public Schools pay 39 cents, 40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The reason I think it's important to do that this session is by June 1 of this...well, yesterday of this year, yesterday of this year the common...the affiliation process was to be completed. People are going to begin paying the common levy. People in Class VIs will not be if we don't change the statute...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: Pardon me?

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: One minute. I have not heard anyone give a defense of the wide variance in levies that makes sense within a Class VI school district. These are two things that I think need to be done, I'm bringing to you so we can get them done on this bill so that we can hopefully strip LB 348 of any additional amendments and make sure that it gets passed because there are some needed changes that need to take place in LB 348. If we leave all the other amendments pending, I'm fearful that we won't get through that bill this session.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, would Senator Withem yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I'd be happy to.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Withem, I'm talking about the...I want to ask you a question about that second part. Now would this provide that all, maybe I'm missing the point here, but would all Class VIs have the same exact levy?

SENATOR WITHEM: No. Everybody that had property within a single Class VI school district would have the same levy as everyone else living within that Class VI school district.